

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-10, 13-15, 17, and 20-21 have been amended. Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following amendments reflected in the listing of claims.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of theft prevention of communication devices used in a communication network, the method comprising:

[[a)] registering a communication device deployed at a location that is communicatively coupled to the communication network;

(b) ~~entering~~ receiving validation information, after said registering, relating to the communication device, the validation information entered via the communication device; and

(c) ~~analyzing the validation information to determine~~ determining whether the communication device is authorized for use in the communication network, based on at least the validation information entered via the communication device.
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein registering the communication device comprises at least one of the following: entering a device serial ID number, recognizing a digital certificate stored in the communication device, entering roaming preferences for the communication device, and entering a password.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~entering~~ receiving of the validation information comprises at least one of ~~the following: entering receiving~~ a device serial ID number, recognizing a digital certificate stored in the communication device, and ~~entering~~ receiving a password.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
[[d]] locking the communication device out of the communication network upon determination that the communication device is unauthorized.
5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, further comprising:
[[e]] determining the location of the communication device.
6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, further comprising:
[[f]] notifying an authority of the location of the communication device, if the communication device has been reported as stolen.
7. (Currently amended) A system supporting theft prevention of communication devices used in a communication network, comprising:
[[a]] at least one processor, communicatively coupled to the communication network, that receives information related to a communication device, the at least one processor further receives validation information entered into the communication network via the communication device, and ~~analyzes the validation information to~~ determines whether the communication device is authorized for use in the

communication network, based on the received validation information.

8. (Currently amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the at least one processor comprises at least one of the following: a personal computer, and a set-top-box.
9. (Currently amended) A system supporting theft prevention of communication devices used in a communication network, comprising:
 - a communication device deployed in a home environment; and
 - a communication network communicatively coupled to the home environment, the communication network receiving authorization validation information entered via the communication device and relating to the communication device, and determining whether to grant the communication device access to the communication network, based on the validation information entered via the communication device.
10. (Currently amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the communication network comprises at least one of the following: a third party media server, a media storage server, a broadband access headend, a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, a closed communication infrastructure, and a wireless infrastructure.
11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the communication network comprises the Internet.

12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the communication network comprises the closed communication infrastructure.
13. (Currently amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the authorization information comprises at least one of the following: a device serial ID number, a digital certificate, and a password.
14. (Currently amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the communication device comprises at least one of the following: a digital camera, a digital camcorder, a television, a personal computer, a CD player, a juke-box, a multi-media gateway device, a multi-media personal digital assistant, a DVD player, a tape player, a media player, and a MP3 player.
15. (Currently amended) A system supporting theft prevention of communication devices used in a communication network, comprising:
 - a storage device residing in a first home environment;
 - a media device residing in a second home environment; and
 - a communication network communicatively coupled to the first home environment and the second home environment, the communication network analyzing authorization validation information entered via the media device, and determining whether to grant access of the media device to the first home environment via the communication network, based on the validation information entered via the media device.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the communication network analyzes authorization information and determines whether to grant access of the media device to the storage device.
17. (Currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the communication network comprises at least one of the following: a third party media server, a media storage server, a broadband access headend, a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, a closed communication infrastructure, and a wireless infrastructure.
18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the communication network comprises the Internet.
19. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the communication network comprises the closed communication infrastructure.
20. (Currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the authorization information comprises at least one of the following: a device serial ID number, a digital certificate, and a password.
21. (Currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the media device comprises at least one of the following: a digital camera, a digital

camcorder, a television, a personal computer, a CD player, a juke-box, a multi-media gateway device, a multi-media personal digital assistant, a DVD player, a tape player, a media player, and a MP3 player.